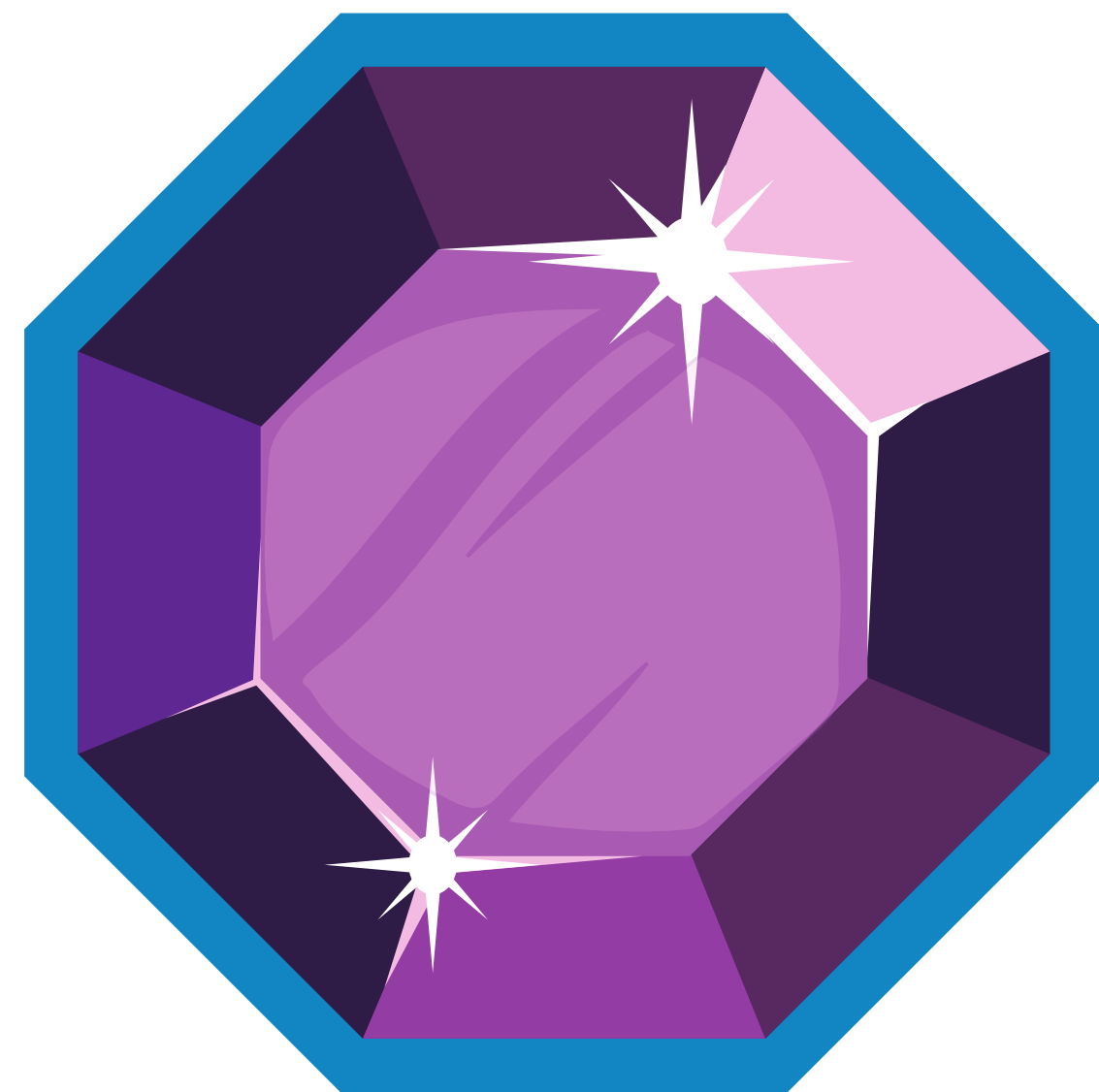
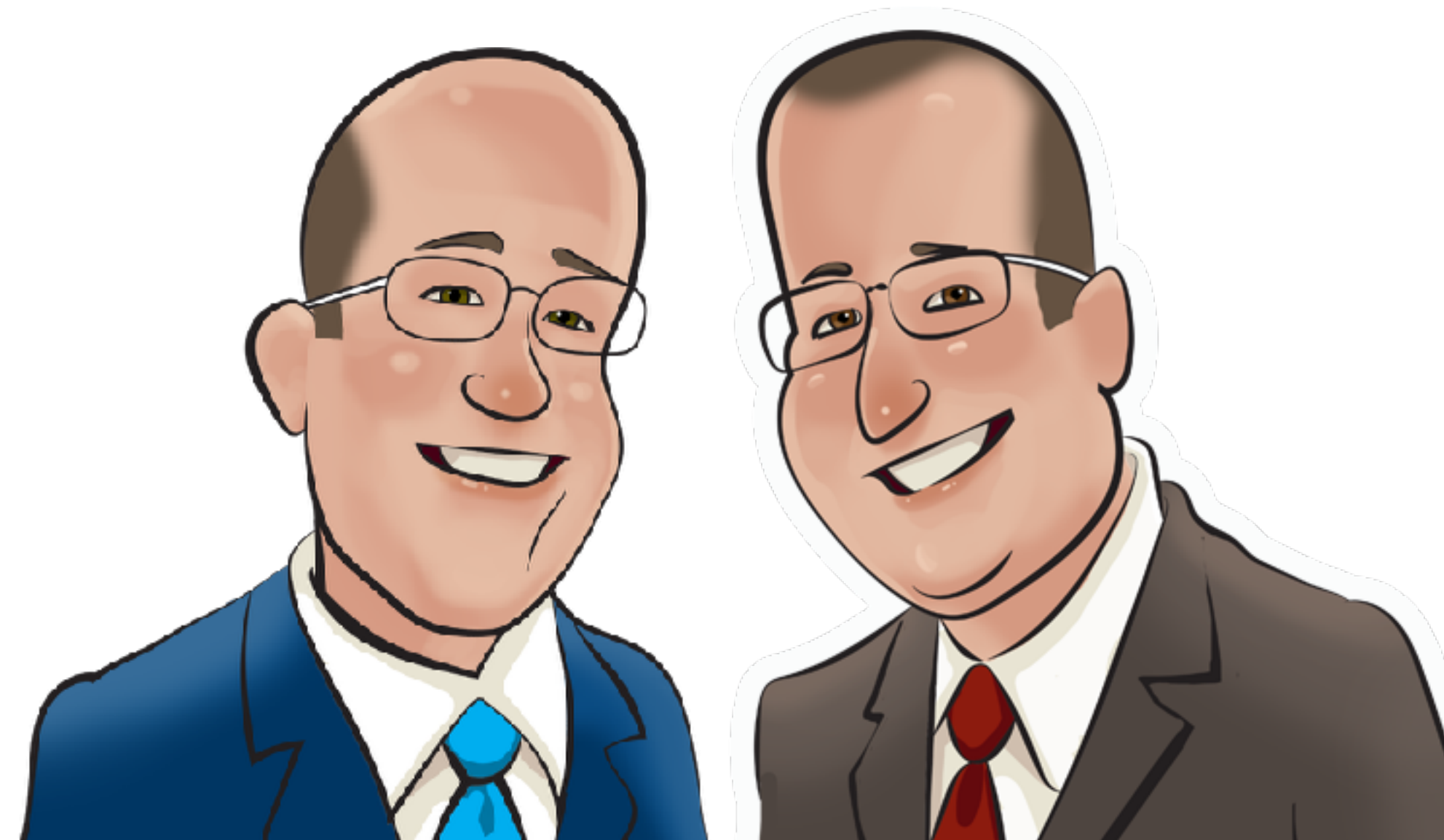
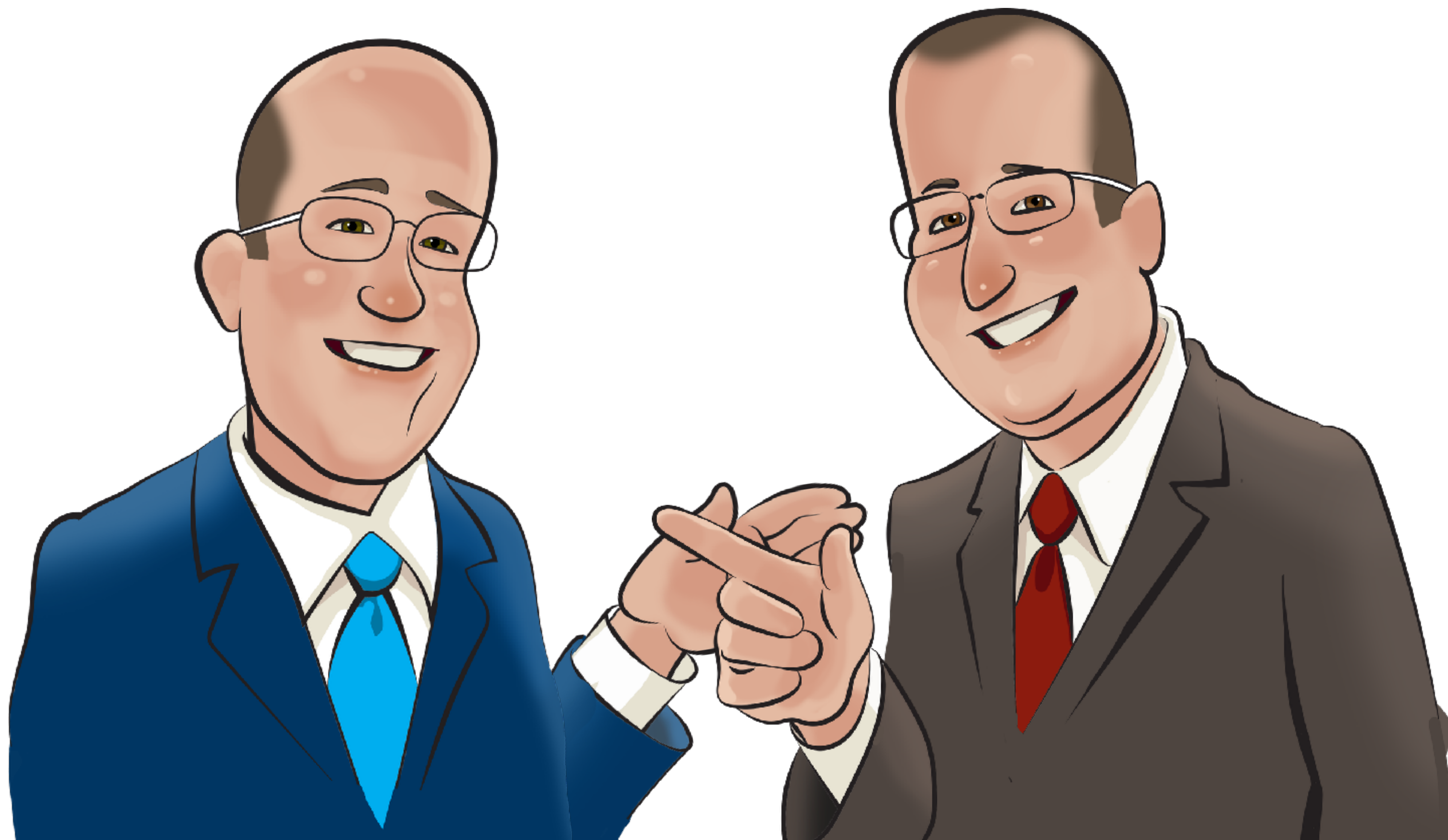


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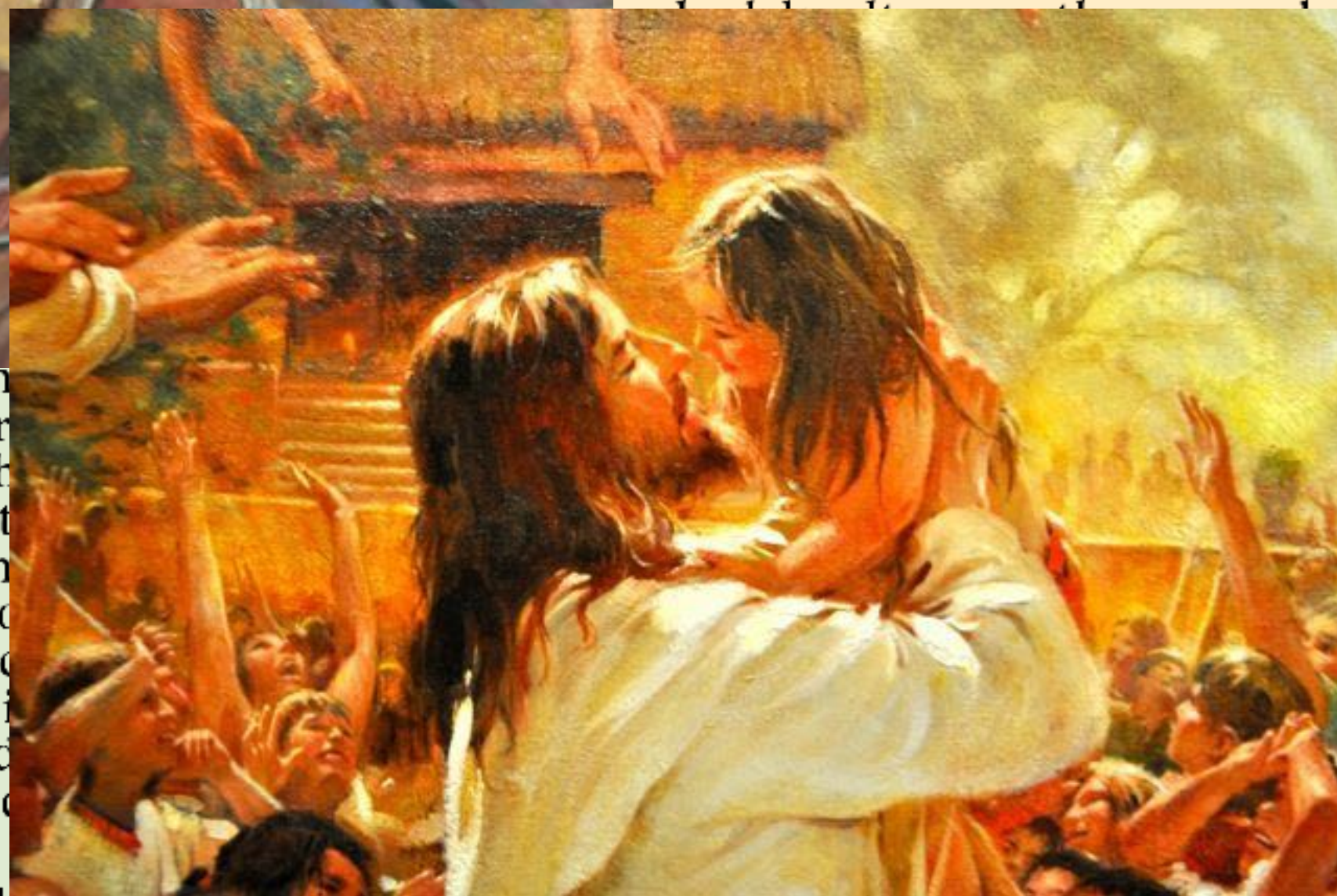
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(Sister Michaelene P. Grassli, “Behold Your Little Ones,” Ensign, Nov. 1992, 92–94).

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Prayer and Fellowship

It's the 3rd time Christ has taught this concept (11:39-41; 14:24-27)

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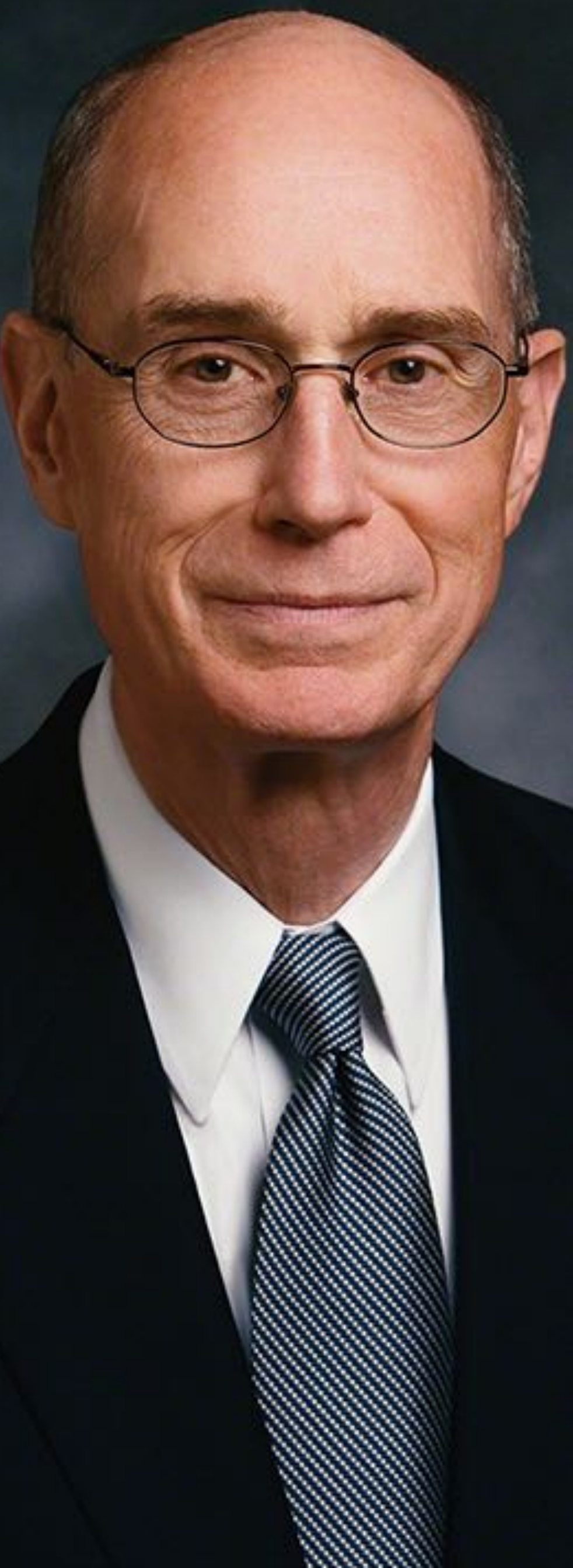
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(Elder Jeffrey R. Holland in Conference Report, Oct. 1995, 90–91; or Ensign, Nov. 1995, 68–69).



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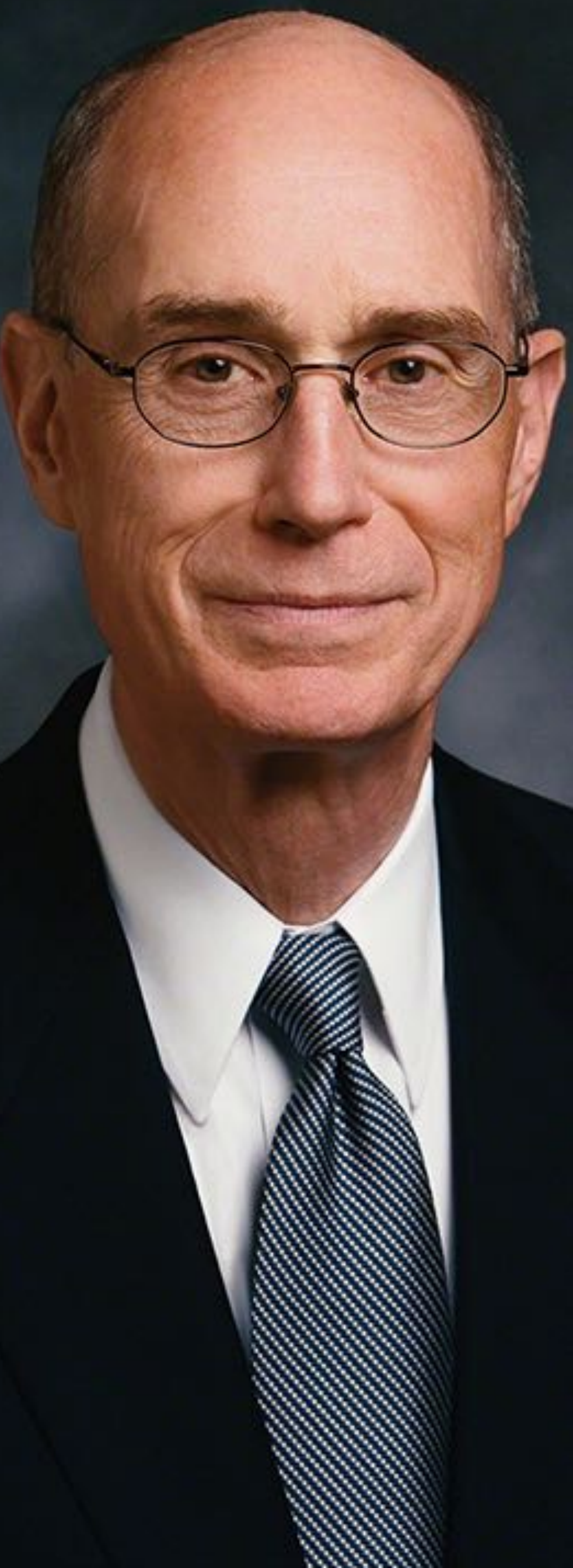
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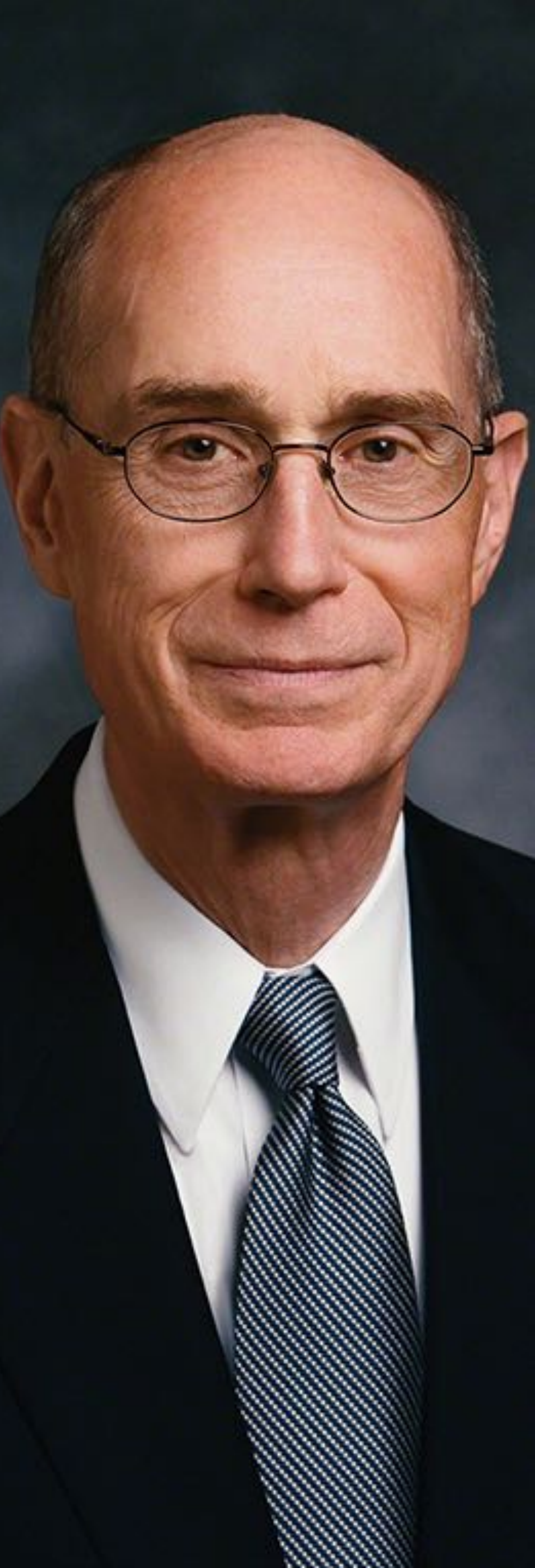


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“I feel satisfied that there is no adequate substitute for the morning and evening practice of kneeling together—father, mother, and children. This, more than soft carpets, more than lovely draperies, more than cleverly balanced color schemes, is the thing that will make for better and more beautiful homes”

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You and I have enough light to share right now. We can light the next step to help someone draw nearer to Jesus Christ, and then the next step, and the next.

Ask yourself, “Who needs the light you have to find the path they need but cannot see?”

(Bonnie H. Cordon, “That They May See,” in General Conference, April 2020).

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